



## **Michael H. Trujillo, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.**

### **Assistant Surgeon General**

### **Office of the Surgeon General**

Dr. Michael H. Trujillo is a member of the Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico. He began his current assignment with the Office of the Surgeon General in June 2002. As an Assistant Surgeon General he contributes to the assessment of the health status of minority populations in the nation and ensuring programs are established to help address their health concerns. In addition, Rear Admiral Trujillo is a member of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and is the health liaison for the Commissioned Corps members of the Indian Health Service (IHS) with the Office of the Surgeon General.

Before beginning his current assignment he completed two Presidentially appointed terms as the Director of the IHS. He was the first President-appointed and Senate-confirmed Director of the IHS for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Appointed April 9, 1994, he directed a nationwide multi-billion dollar health care delivery program composed of 12 administrative Area (Regional) Offices, which oversaw local hospitals and clinics. The IHS was responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community health care to approximately 1.5 million of the Nation's 2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Dr. Trujillo received his undergraduate, graduate, and medical degrees from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and was the first American Indian to graduate from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. His medical training is in family practice and internal medicine, and includes a clinical fellowship in preventive medicine at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. He also holds a master's degree in Public Health Administration and Policy from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. His academic appointments include a Clinical Assistant Professor with the Department of Community Medicine and Rural health with the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, a Harvard University Lecturer with the Harvard Medical School, and a member of the Community Faculty with the College of Public Health at the University of Arizona.

He has had numerous assignments within the IHS, including Deputy Area Director and Chief Medical Officer for the Phoenix, Aberdeen, and Portland Areas and Clinical Specialty consultant to the Bemidji Area. Dr. Trujillo was also responsible for initiating nationwide quality assurance programs and a medical provider recruitment program for urban Indian health centers.

In addition, Dr. Trujillo has held senior management positions with the Public Health Service Regional Office in New York City. He has served concurrently as the Associate Warden for medical and hospital programs and the Medical Director at the Federal Medical Center of the Bureau of Prisons, Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Trujillo's professional affiliations have allowed him to serve as a health advocate for Indian people. He is a member of the American College of Physician Executives, the Association of American Indian Physicians, the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S., the National Rural Health Association, the Western Canadian/American Health Council, and the American Public Health Association.